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Land Grant At East Lansing

Ike Pictured On Korean Three

President Eisenhower who has been absent as a subject on any of the world's postage stamps has finally been so remembered and honored. It comes as sort of a Christmas present, too, for the set of three which Korea issued had the first day on December 25.



According to Song Ki Choo, 61 1st Ga Kwangbok Dong, Pusan, Korea, the denominations and colors are 10 hwan blue, 19h brown and 71h dark green. These fees cover the regular first class rate in Korea, the foreign surface first class rate and airmail to the U. S. respectively.

Release of the trio, all of which are of the same design, memorializes the Korean-United States mutual defense treaty. Presidents Eisenhower and Syngman Rhee are pictured shaking hands against a background of the flags of both nations.

Death Calls James Dryden Of Edinburgh

On January 3 occurred the death of a Scottish stamp dealer known to many in the United States. He is James A. R. Dryden, of Edinburgh, Scotland, who for some years past had been confined to a wheelchair—he took care of a sizeable stamp business in this way with the help of Mrs. Dryden.

Mr. Dryden also wrote well on a number of philatelic subjects four articles from his pen having appeared on different occasions in Linn's in the past four years.

As an exhibitor of early airmails he was awarded a bronze medal at the Vienna International Exhibition in 1933, a silver at the International Airport Exhibition 1934, another silver at the Koenigsberg International Exhibition in 1935, and a bronze at TIPEX in New York in 1936.

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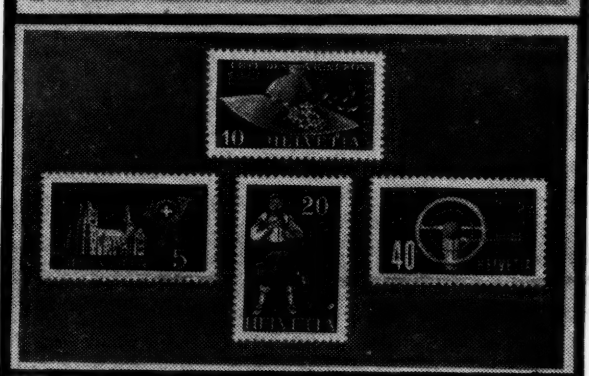
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IMPORTANT NEW ISSUES ON THE WAY. At the top is the 3c commemorative the United States will release at East Lansing, Mich. February 12 to note the Centennial of the Oldest Land Grant Colleges in the U. S. These institutions are Michigan State College, and Pennsylvania State University. The color will be green, the printing 110 million. Next are two items from Switzerland. The center one is a souvenir sheet with a selling price of 2 francs to note the National Philatelic Exhibition at Lausanne, October 15 to 25. At the bottom are four commems for various events of importance nationally in Switzerland in 1955. (See news story below).

Exhibition Souvenir Sheet, 4 Commemoratives From Switzerland February 15

Switzerland, which in the past has always put a severe financial twist on the arms of collectors through the extremely heavy surtax on souvenir sheets, is making no exception to this policy with a new one to be given a first day on February 15. It will bear imperforate copies of 10 and 20 centimes stamps — have a surtax of 1.70 francs — for a "face" value of 2 francs. The sheet notes the National Philatelic Exhibition scheduled for Lausanne from October 15 to 23. The stamp design, which is common to both values, reproduces the one used for an item in the publicity series described several paragraphs below.

Sale in Swiss post offices is from February 15 to October 31, at the Philatelic Agency this period is extended to December 31. Validity for postage purposes expires on December 31, 1955.

This piece will certainly not be lacking in color for there are to be eight—green, carmine, vermilion, dark gray, yellow, light gray, light olive and dark olive.

Andre Rossetot, an artist of Auvernier, designed it. Printing is (Continued on page 12)

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Michigan State, Penn State 100 Years Merit 3c Stamp; First Day On February 23

A rather uninspired stamp design will be used for the 3c commemorative scheduled for a first day February 12 at East Lansing, Mich. to note the centennials of the two oldest land grant colleges in the United States, Michigan State College, and Pennsylvania State University. This one leans heavily to wording—probably the worst offender in this respect since the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. It will, however, appeal to several categories of topicalists in that it has an open book, heads of grain and symbolical tools and instruments of the engineer and geologist. In announcing the stamp Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield officially confirmed the one city, for the double commemoration.

It will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimension, arranged horizontally, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated and issued in sheets of 50. The color of the stamp will be green. A printing of 110,000,000 has been authorized.

The central subject is an open book with an arrangement of superimposed symbols depicting agriculture, mining, chemistry, and engineering, representing some of the leading subjects taught at these institutions. To the left of the open book appears the wording "Michigan State College" and in a similar position at the right is "Pennsylvania State University," in dark modified Gothic. Above the open book are the dates "1855" at the left and "1955" at the right, in white Gothic. In a light panel across the top of the stamp is the inscription "First of the Land Grant Colleges," and in a similar panel at the bottom is "3c United States Postage 3c," in dark Gothic.

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of this stamp may send a reasonable number of addressed envelopes to the Postmaster at East Lansing, Michigan, with money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers."

Of the two land grant colleges, Michigan State seems to have the claim to being the oldest although both it and Penn State claim 1855 origins.

Michigan State was established in 1855 in pursuance of a constitutional revision and opened in 1857. Its endowment consisted of \$990,000 derived from the sale of part of the lands given by the general government through the Act of 1862.

Pennsylvania State College was established in 1863 by joint action of the Federal and State Governments under the Land Grant Act, although a beginning had been made between 1855 and 1863 under the title The Farmers' High School.

Give Australian Commem Totals

Australia is another of the nations honoring the 50th anniversary of Rotary International with a stamp in the design of which are a globe, flag, and the symbol of the organization. This 3 1/2d carmine will have a first day on February 23 and will remain on sale for a period of one month.



Announced by Acting PMG Sir Philip McBride are the quantities of commemorative stamps Australia released in 1954. Of the Royal Visits of February 2, there were 79,877,280 of the 3 1/2d; 1,908,640 of the 7 1/2d; 4,611,280 of the 2/-.

The Telegraph Centenary 3 1/2d of April 7 had 39,994,320.

For the Australian Red Cross, June 9, the printing of the 3 1/2d commm was 36,878,040.

Western Australia's Centenary on August 2 saw 38,253,480 3 1/2d stamps produced.

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3 pies, a tractor in operation, magenta; 6p power-loom (textiles), violet; 9p water lifting from a well, by help of bullocks, light brown, mineral red; 1 anna, dam (Damodar valley project), blue green; 2a, lady at a Charka (spinning wheel-cottage industry), monastrial blue; 3a, naga woman at a handloom (cottage industry), monastrial green; 4a, pair of bullocks (indicating agriculture), crimson; 6a, malaria control, light brown; 8a, Chittaranjan locomotive works, dark blue; 10a, (airmail) A view of Bombay, plane flying over Marine Dr., jade green; 12a, Hindustan aircraft factory, Bangalore, blue; 14a (airmail) plane flying over a valley in Kashmir, yellow green; 1Re. 2a, (airmail) plane flying over Cape Comorin, gray; 1Re. 8a, (airmail) plane flying over Kanchenjunga mountains, red purple; 1Re. technician at work at the Indian Telephone Industries, Bangalore, olive green; 2Rs, rare earth factory, Alwaye, carmine; 5Rs, Sindri Fertilizer factory, dark brown; 10Rs, iron & steel industry, orange.

The stamps of the denominations of 10a, 14a, Rs.1/2/- and Rs.1/8/- represent the four different units of foreign airmail rates. Until now postage stamps above the denomination of Re.1/- were never issued with anna fractions and one had to use additional postage stamps to complete the airmail unit and as such the 10 as, Rs.1.20 and Rs.1.80 are new denominations. The high value of Rs.15/- issued in the Archeological series has been dropped from the forthcoming one, advises Asiatic Hobbyists, Asiatic Chambers, Ghatkopar, India.



3c PAID — Continued from page 2

A and I. Thus the arc does not raise high enough over the A and I to conform to the arc of the circumference.

I have found two copies of this on cover, none off cover. Both covers are from the same town. The cancel is in black.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type III:—SOUTH ABINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

PAID IN CIRCLE — TYPE IV



PAID IN CIRCLE - TYPE IV

Here again is a PAID that like Type III just described, appears to be a handstamp which originally may have been like our Type I, PAID 3 IN CIRCLE. The diameter is 18mm, which is the same, and the word PAID curves in an arc with the circumference. The PAID is in Gothic letters.

I have found but a single copy of this, on cover and in black. On this cover, the PAID is almost wholly on the stamp, but runs off at one edge to neatly tie it to the cover.

The unusual thing is that the cancellation which shows the Town, State and Date, is not on the envelope, but is marked in manuscript, "Genoa, N. Y. / May 20" in two lines across the short end of the envelope at the left.

Known only in black.

KNOWN TOWNS OF USE.

Type IV:—GENOA, NEW YORK.

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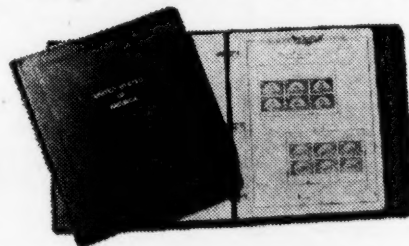
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The purposes of ICAO are set out by the following quotation from the Preamble to the Convention: "In order that international civil aviation may be developed in a safe and orderly manner and that international air transport services may be established on the basis of equality or opportunity and operated soundly and economically."

The symbolic representation of flight depicted upon the stamps is the work of Angei Medina Medina, well-known Uruguayan artist and designer. There will be both 3c and 8c denominations, in 1,000,000 copies of each.

The 3c will be issued in blue-gray, the 8c in dark carmine. The stamps are horizontal, measure 27mm x 40mm and will be issued in sheets of 50, with marginal inscriptions appearing twice on the left and twice on the right of each sheet.

They will be placed on sale at face value at UN Headquarters, New York, and at the European Office of the UN in Geneva, Switzerland at the prices established for this office, on Wednesday, February 9, 1955. In London, the stamps will be available to dealers only, against payment in Sterling.

The following conditions will apply with regard to collectors desiring to submit envelopes for first-day cancellation servicing:

1. First day service is only given at Headquarters, New York, against payment in U. S. dollars.

2. Persons desiring first day cancellations of the stamps may send in a reasonable number of addressed unstamped envelopes to the UN Postal Administration, United Nations, New York. Envelopes should be addressed in the lower left-hand corner. All covers will be mailed out individually.

3. The outside envelope must be clearly marked "First Day Covers-ICAO."

4. Remittances to cover the cost of stamps to be affixed must be enclosed in either money order, or certified check. Personal checks will not be accepted, nor will postage stamps.

5. It should be clearly marked in pencil, in the upper right hand corner of each envelope the denomination and quantity of stamps to be affixed thereon.

6. A filler of medium weight should be placed in each envelope, and the flap turned in. A poor cover might result if no filler is provided.

7. Requests for marginal inscription blocks will be filled as far as possible, depending upon the number of marginal inscriptions available. On the other hand, the normal UN Postal Administration requirements concerning the number of stamps which must be purchased to obtain a marginal inscription are waived. However, no positional requests can be honored.

8. No mixed orders for both first day covers and mint stamps will be processed. Such orders will be returned to the sender.

Separate orders for mint stamps will be accepted, but these must be addressed to the UN Postal Administration, United Nations, New York. It should be noted that, in respect of mint orders, the normal provisions concerning marginal inscriptions will apply, and collectors should also remember to allow for return postage and registration when necessary in their remittance.

ICAO membership today consists of 65 sovereign states, whose airlines operate more than 90% of all the world's scheduled international air services. In the past ten years a series of international standards has helped to bring uniformity, regularity and cooperation to the

world of international air transport, and to reduce the customs, immigration and other formalities required in crossing international borders.

In the North Atlantic Ocean area, joint support arrangements between ICAO member nations maintain a chain of floating ocean stations, air navigation facilities and weather reporting stations.

Two international air law conventions have been adopted, one designed to secure recognition on an international basis of property and other rights in aircraft, the other to regulate the liability of the aircraft operator for injury or damage done to people or property on the surface.

As a participant in the UN Expanded Program for Technical Assistance, ICAO has sent out more than 100 technicians in missions to fifteen countries, and has provided fellowships for study abroad to citizens of 25 states. The basis for ICAO's participation is that, in less developed countries, natural barriers may make the transportation of people and goods difficult and expensive, and the most economical way of overcoming these barriers is by transport aeroplane.

ICAO has its headquarters in Montreal, Canada, and maintains regional offices in Paris, Cairo, Lima and Bangkok. President of the ICAO Council since its inception is Dr. Edward Warner of the United States; the first Secretary-General of ICAO was Dr. Albert Roper of France, and the present Secretary-General is Carl Ljungberg of Sweden.

Cachet Prepared For Duluth Show

A cachet has been prepared by the Arrowhead Stamp Club of Duluth, Minn. for the annual exhibition scheduled for February 21 to 25. It will be set up in the lobby of the Northern Minnesota National Bank.

Selling price of 10c each, or three for 25c includes everything. Payments and names and addresses to be affixed are to be sent to Mrs. Glen Loyd, 2218 Hughitt Ave., Superior, Wis.

Meetings are held from September to June on the first and third Wednesdays at the West Duluth YMCA.

Chicagoans Choose Salm As President

A slate of candidates headed by Arthur Salm for president, was unanimously elected to office when the Chicago Philatelic Society gathered to choose the official family for 1955 recently. Mr. Salm has long been active in the affairs of the society.

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Meetings to which visitors are welcome are held on the first and third Thursdays at the Sherman Hotel.

AUCTIONS

Jan. 24-26-H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 87th St., New York 22, N. Y. U. S. Airpost, General, early Finland collection.

Jan. 26-Alcurel & Meyer Co., P. O. Box 1013, Coral Gables, Fla. Foreign Classics, 20th Century General Issues.

Jan. 29-Stampazine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. United States, British Colonies, General Covers.

Jan. 30, Feb. 1, 2-Billing & Rich, Inc., 55 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. British Empire, United States, General.

Jan. 31-H. B. Zeitlin, 1795-L Riverside Dr., New York 34, N. Y. Latin America, Br. Colon., Scandinavia, General.

Feb. 4-Alcurel & Meyer, P. O. Box 1013, Coral Gables, Fla. Specialized German States, General Foreign.

Feb. 5-Stampazine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. United States, Br. Colon., General Foreign, Covers.

Feb. 8-H. Lazarus, 29 Wadsworth, New York 33, N. Y. Postal History material, U. S., Brit. Emp., Scandinavia.

Feb. 8-11-Mercury Stamp Co., 522 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y. General, British, Belgium, Russia, Austrian Levant.

Feb. 11-Herman Herat, Jr. Shrub Oak, N. Y. United States exclusively including wholesale lots.

Feb. 11-J. E. Rasdale, 505 E. Walker, St. Johns, Mich. United States mint and used, General Foreign.

Feb. 12-Stampazine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. United States, Br. Colon., General Foreign, Covers.

Feb. 15-Hobbs Stamp Co., 38 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y. United States mint and used, General Foreign.

Feb. 18-Alcurel & Meyer, P. O. Box 1013, Coral Gables, Fla. Comprehensive German States, British Classics.

Feb. 19-Stampazine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. U. S., British Colonies, General, Covers.

Feb. 21-Ernest Schlesinger, P. O. Box 181, Audubon Sta., New York 32, N. Y. British Emp., General, UPU's, blocks, sheets.

Feb. 26-Stampazine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. U. S., British Empire, General Foreign, World Covers.

Feb. 23-25-General Stamp Co., 100-L Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. Airpost, British Empire, Latin Amer. General.

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3	★	#21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000				
138	○	#22 Cut into Design on R. Large Margins T. L. Signed a very good copy		300.00 80.00		
139	★	14. Dark Green. Michel cat. M112-VF, OG				
140	★	AZORES, #11, Thin, OG Good		17.50 12.00		
141	★	Betw. #25/63 (9) F-VF		9.50 5.00		
142	○	#78-92 Complete F-VF		8.85 5.00		
143	★	Betw. 101/139 (29) VF		50.60 42.00		
144	★	#141-48. 284-99 VF		4.81 2.50		
145	★	Betw. 155/231. Incl. 190F		4.47 3.00		
146	★	BAVARIA #221-75. 2 types of Val. M83-Fine, Michel cat		7.11 3.50		
148	★	BELGIUM #229-236, VF, OG		6.60 4.80		
149	★	#407-17/B514. VF NH		6.80 3.20		
150	★	#107-13 F-VF		9.84 4.80		
151	★	#B152-85 VF, OG		11.05 7.50		
152	★	#B426-458 Cpl. F-VF, OG		7.00 4.00		
153	★	Bastogne 1950, Zumstein		14.65 12.50		
154	★	#793-94, Very Fine, OG				
155	★	#793-94, Very Fine, OG				
156	★	#793-94, Very Fine, OG				
157	★	#Q211-215 Very Fine		5.50 3.50		
158	★	REIN, #1, Very Fine		12.50 7.00		
159	★	BOHEMIA #70-76 Bl. of 4 F		7.60 4.50		
160	★	#348-51. #147a-bb, souvenir sheets, VF NH				
161	★	#371-72/C163-64 Bl. of 4 Cpl. VF NH		2.90 3.00		
162	★	#371-72/C163-64 Bl. of 4 Cpl. VF NH		1.88 9.00		
163	★	#C42-51. C63-71, VF OG		4.08 3.20		
164	★	#C42-51. 63-81, VF OG		5.60 3.80		
165	★	C105-11 Cpl. VG-VF		6.08 3.20		
166	★	#C81-112 Cpl. VF, OG		4.16 3.20		
167	★	BOSNIA #39-45, Very Fine		3.74 2.60		
168	★	#B5-83. #643 with Orange color. Proof Thick, VF		43.47 25.00		
169	○	BRUNSWICK #22 thinn. Very		12.00		
170	★	BULGARIA #227-43 F-VF OG		20.00 8.00		
171	★	CAMEROONS #227-43 F-VF OG		21.70 14.00		
172	○	Cape Verde Betw. 1/52 (14) Cpl. Good-Fine		6.00 4.80		
173	★	#286-92 Scarce VF NH		7.70 4.00		
174	★	CHAD #60-63 F-VF		3.57 2.50		
175	★	CHAD #60-63 F-VF		3.57 2.50		
176	★	CHILE #183-97, 210-11 VF		3.25 2.25		
177	★	#233-253, 257-261, C126-30 Complete, Very Fine		9.97 6.00		
178	★	#C31-40, 7, 156, C163-64 (35) Very Fine NH		4.50 2.50		
179	★	#O64 Red Overprint VF NH		4.63 3.20		
180	★	#O64 Black Overprint VF NH		7.75 3.00		
181	★	CHINA #1 Very Fine		2.50 3.20		
182	★	#13, 3-Fresh, VF		4.50 2.50		
183	★	#10, 13-4, 29-31 G-F		.00 4.00		
184	★	COLOMBIA #C2-16 VF		4.65 2.00		
185	★	#C27-50 G-VF		4.61 3.50		
186	★	CONGO #139-56, 184-6/C17 F		20.85 10.35		
187	★	#C13-20 VF		6.3 3.00		
188	★	COSTA RICA #C31-35, C55-6 Cpl. VF NH		6.00 3.00		
189	★	#C35-45 Very Fine		5.68 3.70		
190	★	#C121-11, C182-96, VF NH		4.83 3.30		
191	★	#C220-23 Columbus, Sheets of 4 (4) VF NH		4.68 3.60		
192	★	CUBA #234-31/E, Imperf. VF		11.25 7.40		
193	★	#473a/C50a, sheets VF NH		6.05 4.00		
194	★	C1-12, 22-23 C31-2, C34-7 VF		3.90 3.40		
195	★	CURACAO #1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 22, 23 and 184, G-VF		4.25 2.50		
196	★	CYPRUS #203-7, B10-20 VF		9.65 4.50		
197	★	CZECHOSLOVAKIA #265-77, VF NH		5.13 4.20		
200	★	Perfor. 13 3/4 11 1/2 11 1/4 10 3/4 11 1/2 11 1/4 11				

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257	#B44-62 Cpl. VF OG		8.65	7.00	
258	#B70-84, B90-160 all Cpl.		23.52	10.90	
259	VF Mostly NH		14.00	8.50	
260	C1-2, Scarce, Fine OG		5.00	2.00	
261	C16-17 VF OG		8.75	7.20	
262	C22 VF NH		9.00	4.50	
263	C24-26, 200-500F, VF NH		9.00	4.50	
264	C24-26, 200-500F, VF NH		9.00	4.50	
265	FRANCE, OFFICES IN CHINA: #3-7.9.93.11.12.63. P-VF		4.25	3.80	
266	OG Fine		30.00	10.00	
267	CANTON #10, 29, 30, FINE		12.25	6.00	
268	CANTON #26 1 perf miss		25.00	2.00	
269	Good copy OG		8.00	5.00	
270	HOI-HAO, #47, VF		10.00	6.00	
271	C14, Signed, VF		35.00	20.00	
272	#46 on Piece, Signed VF		4.50	3.00	
273	#64, 66, Signed, F-VF		14.00	8.00	
274	KWANGTOWAN, #14 6 VF		11.50	5.00	
275	MONTSEU, #2.5.14.15.30. Signed, F-VF		1.90	6.90	
276	PAKHOT, #11.13, Sign. G-VF		9.00	3.00	
277	TCHONKING, Michel's No. 1B, #13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528				
277	TCHONKING #11.14 VF OG		4.50	3.00	
278	TCHONKING #13 VF		10.00	6.00	
279	TCHONKING #48 VF		6.00	4.00	
280	YUNNAN FOI #13, Signed F		3.00	1.90	
281	OFFICES IN MOROCCO #221-260 Complete VF NH		84	3.90	
282	OFF. IN ZANZIBAR, #15.10.17, 20, 21, 31-35 F-VF		7.00	4.50	
283	COLOMBIENNE, #13 Complete Exposition 1903 Complete Very Fine Series		79	45.00	
284	London Printing 1941, Type		25.90	14.00	
285	Alminals #C1-7 (58 only) VF		14.00	9.00	
286	Victory, Bl. of 4, VF		14.00	9.00	
287	UPU 1949 (12) Cpl. VF		8.70	3.90	
288	FRENCH COLONIES, #12.3.6, #20, 21, F-VF, we		11.25	6.00	
289	#26 Small Crease, VF OG		11.25	6.00	
290	#42-43 we G-VF		3.50	2.00	
291	FR. EQUATOR, AFRICA #C31-13 set OG		3.50	3.50	
292	#C37, VF NH		5.00	4.50	
293	FR. GUINEA #12, 14, 16, 38, 41, 43-4 Good-Fine		11.50	4.00	
294	#48-53, 55-8, 60-62 F-VF		5.90	3.50	
295	15 diff. Bl. Between #1/33		5.62	2.50	
296	GARON #26, 46, Fine OG		6.00	3.50	
297	GERMANY #181A, VF NH		6.00	4.00	
298	#363-65 Very Fine OG		5.25	2.80	
299	#B149-57 all Very Fine but		18.40	10.00	
300	#B149-57 all Very Fine but		16.75	9.50	
301	#C20-26 Very Fine, NH		20.00	12.00	
302	#C38-39 on Card, C39 corn		5.05	3.50	
303	Perf. missing, Fine		12.90	12.00	
304	#1N18-24, F-VF OG		4.50	3.00	
305	#5N43-4, 6N18-9, 8N38-39		3.35	3.50	
306	Scarc set, VF NH		4.15	5.00	
307	#5N43-4, 6N18-9, 8N38-39		10.00	4.00	
308	Scarc set, VF NH		20.40	14.00	
309	#6N30-38 Complete VF NH		6.00	3.00	
310	#6N30-38 Complete VF NH		16.25	14.00	
311	#6N30-38 Bl. of 4 VF NH		3.35	4.00	
312	#6N30-38 Bl. of 4 VF NH		7.74	6.50	
313	#6N30-38 Bl. of 4 VF NH		4.38	4.00	
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Correcting The Record

In our issue of December 27, we printed letters from the ASDA and from the Indonesian Government.

We also mentioned in our editorial that a British publication, "Stamp Collecting," had named the Stolow Company as producers of the Moluccan as well as the Free Croatia and Free Albanian Labels. This statement is correct, in that it is a statement in the magazine mentioned.



GEORGE W. LINN

We also went on to say that the ASDA named the Stolow Company as producers of the Moluccan labels. We regret this error on our part for the ASDA did not make this statement in their letters, neither did the Indonesian Government. We were mistaken in printing it as we did and regret the error. It was merely that we took it that the ASDA inferred that it was the Stolow Company, but the ASDA now advises us of our error, that it did not name the Stolow Company as producers.

Now since the ASDA has gone as far as it has in trying to help clean up the label market, we would like to have the ASDA name the producers of the Free Croatia and Free Albania labels. We have names which are said to be mixed up with this material. If we name the parties as producers they will perhaps deny it. It might be that our informants are not quite correct. Maybe the parties we would name were only instrumental in wholesale distribution of or in general wholesaling of them and thus could deny that they had anything to do with producing them. The ASDA is certainly close enough to the New York market to have the real facts on these things, so we invite them to name the parties concerned.

While at it, the ASDA might give a complete history and story of the Postage Stamp Issues of Liberia. This would make such hot reading that it would burn the paper it was printed on. We have many facts concerning this situation. We have a hope that the ASDA might come out with this matter as we believe it the first duty of an organization of dealers in any commodity to make every effort to protect the interests of the people who patronize them. Will the ASDA do this?

"Stop The Presses, Mr. Postmaster

"In a 20th Century world where virtually everything from corn liker to French postcards has gone into mass production, the U. S. Post Office Department has not lagged behind the times. One Washington observer reports that since 1940, the hustling federal agency has issued more than 150 different kinds of commemorative stamps in lots of 100 million or more. Obviously, the time has come for some disgruntled philatelist to shout, 'Stop the presses!'

"If it didn't cost taxpayers at least \$20,000 every time a new stamp comes out, the situation might be funny. The price tag on some issues is actually much more because \$20,000 just pays for the engraving and the initial press run. A particularly silly stamp observing the 100th anniversary of the first poultry show in America cost \$30,000—which must have made many a hen cluck with pleasure. But it certainly wasn't chicken feed.

"There may be some hope after all, however. At least the old 81st Congress did turn down a Texas congressman's plea for a stamp honoring the centennial of the Angora goat in the United States.

"Yet here are some of the special issues Congress has approved: Stamps commemorating the evacuation of Brooklyn by the Continental Army in 1776, Moine Michael, the first flight to Basra, Iraq, the progress of American women in the last 100 years, Swedish pioneers who settled the Midwest, American chemists, Kansas City, the Puerto Rican elections, Japan, the Gadsden Purchase, Youth and the centenary of the arrival of Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Seminole and Cherokee tribes in Oklahoma.

"The U. S. has not only issued too many stamps in the last 14 years, it has also issued some of the world's ugliest. Worst monstrosity was probably the chicken stamp—one of 28 new issues authorized in 1948 by the much-abused 80th Congress. It has all the appeal of a 1907 trademark for plug tobacco.

"Stamps do not have to be drably designed with photographic realism. France, Italy, Switzerland and other European nations have consistently issued beautiful, well-designed stamps. Some have been particularly daring in artistic technique.

"(Even when striving for realism, the department's designers are not always successful. Experts say the plane pictured on the current U. S. air mail stamp would never get 10 feet off the ground. In making a composite drawing of several different aircraft, artists produced something that wouldn't fly.)

"Washington needs that happy combination of good common sense and good aesthetic sense. Let's lower the quantity and raise the quality of commemorative stamps."

The above is a clipping from the Charlotte News, Charlotte, N. C. We print it in order that it may be put on record as to what the general public or at least a newspaper representing the public, may think of our stamp program.

Just To Fill Up The Column

The Central Florida Chapter of the ASDA met at the home of your editor on Sunday, January 9. Among those present were Ashley C. LeDuc and Paul Segnitz of St. Petersburg; Clare Phillips of Winter Haven; Joe Weimar of Casselberry; Colonel Baker of Lake Mary; Colonel Pitts of Winter Park and Paul Reed of Tavares.

On Tuesday evening January 11 the Lake County Philatelic Society met in the City Building at Howey. There is a lot of stamp activity in Florida all through the year.

J. H. Davis Reynolds of Flint, Mich. was a recent visitor at the home of your editor, accompanied by Mrs. Reynolds. J. H. is looking the country over and may decide to locate down here.

According to the Garfield-Perry Perryscope, the president of the club spent some time in Florida recently. He states "he would sell the state cheap and with his compliments."

We might tell him that we would sell the Cleveland Indians cheap too and with our compliments, but we would rather tell the poor fellow that he probably did not see the nice side of Florida. It is not along the coast line where most of the Yankee tourists go, but in the beauty spots in the interior of the state. Might as well wait till summer and go to Coney Island as to run along the shore line which is like a big carnival most of the time. 90% of the people who have been in Florida would not believe there are any hills in the state, they just think it is all flat land. Maybe the G-P is mad for losing Larry Shoemaker to Florida.

There is another new Local Stamp which comes from Chantilly, Virginia. It is the "Rocky Run / * Paid 5c Cent * / Local Post". First day of issue was January 8. The stamp is a small oblong label about 1 x 2 inches printed in black in Old English Text.

SMILEATELICS . . . Bob Rieker



"I think you just inhaled one of my better stamps, little boy!"

Cuba Recognizes Scout Jamboree

Two million stamps in a 4c denomination were issued by Cuba December 27 for the Third National Patrol Camp Havana. The design pictures a Cub Scout Eduardo Almeida, and Boy Scout Jose Antonio Mola against the Cuban flag. At the left is the Scout first class emblem.



According to Dr. Ernesto Bello of the Club Fitatelico de la Republica de Cuba, stamp collecting Scouts were invited to a meeting and party sponsored by the organization. The boys were each presented with a first day cover prepared by the club.

A limited number of these are still available at 20c (mint U. S. commems, or cash) from Dr. Ernesto Bello, P. O. Box 678, Havana, Cuba. Only one to a person.

The Scout movement in Cuba started there in 1914 when Carlos Alzugaray, Miguel Angel Quevedo, Jules Loustalot and others drew up the ordinances and started the general activities. However it was only a few years ago that an association was formed with a national character now coordinating all Cuban Scout work.

Today Scouting is firmly established in all six provinces. The first National Patrol Camp was in 1941 at Havana; the second in Cayo Cuco, Caibarien in 1948. The third, just completed attracted 1000 boys not only from Cuba but from some of the neighboring nations.

Enrique Caravia, a Cuban artist, conceived the design.

Religious Topicals In ISG Newsletter

Italy Stamp Group's Newsletter for November and December will be of interest not only to Italian specialists, but to AMG collectors and religious topicalists as well.

The two issues cover the "Rome Overprint" postage due stamps and the "Trieste Overprint" Parcel Post stamps of Trieste in great detail, listing dates of issue, numbers printed and all known varieties.

The November Newsletter devoted its "Italian Notebook" section to a coverage of the "Imperiale" issue of 1929, while the December is given over to the 1929 Monte Cassino set. It is this latter coverage that will be particularly interesting to religious topicalists, for it includes much information on the Monte Cassino Abbey itself, as well as to the religious background of the stamp-designs.

A new feature of Newsletter is its full-length description of all Italian-area new issues. These extended descriptions now give considerable background information about the personages of events shown on new stamps.

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Feb. 23—Rotary International 8c Chicago, Ill. (50 per pane, 80 million).
Soo Locks Centennial, probably at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

ALREADY ISSUED
1064—Art Museum 3c, Philadelphia, Pa., January 15.

UNITED NATIONS
Feb. 9—ICAO commem.
May 11—UNESCO commem.
Oct. 24—UN Day commem.
Dec. 9—Human Rights commem.

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Holland's Queen Wears An Orchid

The faulty printing of a Netherlands regular 1 Gulden stamp has resulted in a freak variety which seems to place an orchid in Queen Juliana's hair, the subject pictured.



The stamp, Scott #319, is the property of Frank Warner, New York City dealer, and is part of a used strip of three.

The foreign matter which caused the misue took the form of a three leaf clover, or a three-petaled flower. This variety, of course, is not a constant one, but is nevertheless a unique freak.

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From the looks of it, some one scraped the bottom of the bucket in conceiving a design for the Centennial of the First Land Grant Colleges, pictured on page one. This is another one of those wordy affairs — in fact, while it is centered in the design, the open book is lost in the maze of words.

I thought for a while, with the run of good stamp art we have been having, that the responsible persons had learned the use of symbolism in conveying an idea of the commemoration.

That circular seal superimposed on the book, with the initials of the schools, dates and value would have made a nice looking Famous Americans size stamp.

1. On what stamp will you see Mitchell Pass and Scotts Bluff?
 2. A map of the Gadsden Purchase is to be seen on the 1953 commem for that event. On what stamp is pictured the Louisiana Purchase?

Just recently I had a note from a reader asking what those two numbered lines were at the end of this column each week. Should there be more of you similarly mystified, they are the answers to the two questions asked at the above spot each week.

A lady reader has a cover of 1881 on which the stamp is cancelled by the handwritten town name and dates. She wants to know how valuable it is.

Generally, unless there is something extremely unusual about the town or the postmaster, such "manuscript" cancellations are worth less than those of a manufactured kind.

Bob Jones of Philadelphia has submitted a historical note in connection with the Museum stamp of January 15. He recently acquired some old newspapers of his city in which were ads pertaining to the institution and its owner. One read—

Mr. Peale's
EXHIBITION
 of
 Perspective Views
 with
 Changeable Effects

The newspaper is the Pennsylvania Packet and Daily Advertiser — the first ad appearing in the edition of May 19, 1785. Incidentally all ads carried the names of Charles and James Peale.

Arnold E. Kloxin of Greenville, Texas wonders whether "there would be any chance of PMG Summerfield issuing some of the Rotary International stamps in imperforate condition."

He thinks that besides himself, a lot of other Rotarians would be happy to be able to frame such imperfs and hang them in their offices or the club's usual meeting place.

It isn't a bad idea, especially if such imperfs would come in the form of a souvenir sheet with two or so copies of the stamp on it.

The Post Office Department has announced that there will be no more of the perforated horizontally coils manufactured. Reason for the discontinuance is that the extremely small demand does not warrant the trouble of making them.

Denominations of these Presidentials were 1c, 1½c, 2c and 3c. In my column last week some space was devoted to the coils. You might check back on it. I do not now whether any of the above are still stocked by the Philatelic Agency. What can you lose by ordering from there if you don't have them, and want them?

They're using a slogan postmark at the Lansing, Mich. post office which is a little out of the ordinary. It has to do with the Michigan

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State College centennial.
 Earl Fohl of that city sent a cover bearing an impression of it.

James E. Minor of Jackson, Mich. wants some information about the Eastman commem plate numbers, particularly No. 25010. He's heard from fellow collectors that this number is a scarce one, and how about it.

Here's the pedigree on the Eastman taken from the records of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. There are, or were three plate numbers assigned to the stamp, 25008-9-10. Apparently, 25008 and 25009 had been teamed to do the original printing. It seems from the record that 25010 was not in existence at that time.

These plates went to press for the first time on June 16, 1954. On July 13 No. 25010 was sent to press; it was undoubtedly teamed with No. 25008.

On July 26 No. 25009 was cancelled from further use for the printing of stamps after it had made 186,199 impressions. That means that 13,033,930 stamps at 70 per pane were printed from it. At four plate blocks per impression, a maximum total of 744,796 is possible. That would seem to be a tremendous quantity any way you look at it.

A like total of 13,033,930 had been printed from 25008 when it was teamed with the retired 25009. That then leaves 92,932,140 printed from the combination of plates 25008 and 25010, of the original order for 119 million.

If any of the plates would tend to be scarce, I would say that it would be 25009, the retired one, by all means.

Editor Richard M. Needham of the Forest Rose Philatelist, official publication of the Fairfield Co. Philatelic Club, Lancaster, Ohio, lent a helping hand to the Seventh Annual Design Derby. He printed a copy of the ballot in its pages and urged his fellow members to fill it in and mail it to me. His own selections were: Best Design — Columbia University, Lewis & Clark, 4c airmail in that order; Worst Design — Nebraska; Least Necessary — Eastman, Columbia U. (tie); Most Appropriate Design — Columbia U.

7th ANNUAL DESIGN DERBY

	1st	2nd	3rd
Columbia U			
Nebraska			
Kansas			
Eastman			
Lewis & Clark			
4c Airmail			
Spec. Delivery			
1c Washington			
2c Jefferson			
3c Liberty			
4c Lincoln			
5c Monroe			
8c Liberty			

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Least necessary

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Harold M. Bradshaw of Vancouver, B. C. was recently elected president of the International Society for Japanese Philately. Mr. Bradshaw is known for his outstanding Japanese material, a collection of early items having won for him the grand ward at the APS exhibition in San Francisco last year.

Robert M. Spaulding is the vice president; George A. Fisher the treasurer; Mrs. Conway Zirkle, 2307 Secane Rd., Secane, Pa. the secretary.

R. P. Alexander, the retiring president, had held the office for the past five years. He was also editor of the organization's bulletin. The latter post will now be filled by Robert M. Spaulding.

The ISJP was founded in Winnipeg, Canada in 1945 by Capt. William H. Talbot, now president emeritus. As of January 1 the rolls had 184 members. Inquires about the group are welcomed and can be sent to the secretary.

U.S., Transvaal Stamps To Museum

Two important end-of-the-year gifts to the National Postage Stamp Collection were announced recently by Dr. Remington Kellogg, Director, U. S. National Museum. Philip H. Ward, Jr., of Philadelphia, transferred an earlier loan of valuable United States stamps to an outright gift so that the material might be incorporated into the main United States collection now being remounted.

B. H. Homan, Jr., of New York, donated an extremely fine collection of Transvaal stamps, cataloging about \$7000 and replete with pairs, strips, and covers of the

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.05	U. P. U.	.75	.45	.55	.42	.28	.07
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.05	Human Rights Day	.75	.45	.55	.42	.28	.07
	Combination Cover			.35			
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.03	F. A. O.	.60	.30	.20	.30	.20	.05
.08	F. A. O.	.95	.60	.30	.70	.48	.12
	Combination Cover			.40			
.03	I. L. O.	.60	.30	.20	.30	.20	.05
.08	I. L. O.	.95	.60	.30	.70	.48	.12
	Combination Cover			.40			
.10	Air Letter Sheet—Aerogramme			.40			.15
.03	U. N. Day	.60	.30	.20	.30	.20	.05
.08	U. N. Day	.95	.60	.30	.70	.48	.12
	Combination Cover			.40			
.03	Human Rights Day	.60	.30	.20	.30	.20	.05
.08	Human Rights Day	.95	.60	.30	.70	.48	.12
	Combination Cover			.40			
1955 ISSUE							
.03	I. C. A. O. (Feb. 9, 1955)	.60	.30	.20	.30	.20	.05
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AUTOGRAPHED BY STAMP SUBJECTS. On December 27 Cuba issued a single 4c green commemorative to note the Third National Patrol Camp of Boy Scouts at Havana. The boys who posed for the stamp picture are Cub Eduardo R. Almeyda, and Scout Jose Antonio Mola. The cover above bears the signature of each boy. A special cancellation was prepared for this issue by the Cuban Postal Administration. E. R. Almeyda sent the cover.

1955 Wildlife Seals Are Made Available

The National Wildlife Federation, 232 Carroll St. N.W., Washington 12, D.C., announced that it had begun distribution of the 18th annual Wildlife Conservation Stamps, continuing a series that was started in 1938 by J. N. "Ding" Darling, famous newspaper cartoonist and first president of the Federation.

Painted by noted American nature artists, the subjects depicted in the 1955 edition include 14 species of North American birds, six wild flowers, five mammals, five fishes, two trees, plus the white admiral butterfly, the colorful Florida tree snail, the American chameleon and the Fowler's toad. Each sheet costs one dollar.

The birds depicted range from the beautiful lazuli bunting of the western states to the strange cattle egret which has a liking for bovine companionship. The mammals range from the little Douglas squirrel or "chickaree" to the elephant seal and the Newfoundland caribou; the fish from yellow bass of the Mississippi Valley to the red salmon which turns a brilliant scarlet at spawning time.

The wild flowers include the jack-in-the-pulpit, sunflower, mariposa lily, sea pink, pine-barren gentian and the fire pink. The trees are the stately burr oak and the odd Joshua tree of the Southwestern desert country.

The artists whose works are reproduced in the 36 stamps include Roger Tory Peterson, the Federation's art director and best known for his illustrated "Field Guide to the Birds"; Francis Lee Jaques, for many years staff artist of the American Museum of Natural History; Michael Bevens, youthful and talented New Jersey illustrator, and Maynard Reece of Des Moines, this year's newcomer among the Wildlife Stamp artists.

Reproduced by six-color lithography, the stamps are distributed by mail to individuals throughout the country. They are the means by which the non-profit Federation finances not only its own activities, but lends assistance for conservation projects sponsored by affiliated state organizations.

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LOOKING AND PLANNING AHEAD

In a recent release, Postmaster General Summerfield announced the approval of four commemorative stamps to be issued during the calendar year of 1955. Dates and details, this bulletin informs us, will be announced at a later date. This short bulletin concludes that the Post Office Department will continue to replace the old Presidential regular series during 1955 and as a consequence, and in all probability, commemoratives in the coming year will be reduced from the usual number.

We can clearly see that few commemoratives came out in 1954 because of the new regulars—eight were issued for regular use, airmail and special delivery. In 1948, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had an avalanche of new issues, 29 in all. This caused such confusion in the Bureau that thereafter Congress which had voted many of them, promised the Postmaster General it would not attempt such a thing again. It was then announced by the P.O.D. that about a dozen or so stamps a year would be the reasonable limit. Since 1949 we have only seen approximately that many with the exception of 1951 wherein we had only six new issues.

Thus it is apparent that the regular issues are also counted and so those who confine themselves to collecting of commemorative plate blocks alone will see another lean year in 1955, perhaps similar to 1954.

It has been my experience in the past to note that when such a situation arises, where a few stamps come out within a period of a year, some collectors may lose interest on that account. Like everything else, where you have too little or too much, it will affect your interest. One nice thing about knowing in advance is that it gives every plate block collector a chance to plan. In earlier years we did not receive such information so far in advance. More often than not an overnight announcement would come out of a new stamp, which made for unpleasant effects on dealers who did not get a chance to prepare themselves properly to service collectors, either with plate blocks or in first day covers.

Normally, when too many new commemoratives are scheduled close together, where the full

matched set of each may be from sixteen to twenty-four plate blocks, it seems like overnight the plate block collector finds himself with a new huge want list of somewhere around 100 different positions (a few more or less). He doesn't know which one to go after first and, and on the whole it becomes a very perplexing situation.

Now, when the opposite takes place and only a few issues come out, he has a better chance of picking up all the plate blocks he wants, as well as to go back on the past issues. Many give consideration to extending their collections into the past, making special efforts to improve on some of the poorer centered plate blocks.

This is more or less taking a general inventory of the entire effort in the assembly of the collection. You might then ponder on various ways in which you might further enhance its appearance.

Many collectors welcome a time like this to decide whether or not they would care to extend themselves further into some, or all of the regular issues on either a partial or complete basis. Still others even consider the inclusion of plate singles and sometimes complete and radical changes are made.

Best of all is the fact that you are given enough time to give your plate block collection some personal thought and consideration not possible when the new issues begin their parade. The new ones keep you busy and fully occupied to keep up with them.

An airplane fighting a submarine is pictured on a stamp of Poland issued in 1943.

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95	11.75	280	.05	651	.14	782	.06
114	.25	281	.07	652	.03	783	.06
115	2.50	282	.17	654	.11	784	.05
116	3.50	283	.12	657	.09	785	.03
121	9.00	285	.18	669	.09	786	.04
135	1.25	286	.06	671	.11	787	.06
136	.20	288	.85	680	.16	788	.07
145	.30	292	.15	681	.04	794	.06
146	.20	295	.05	682	.07	790	.03
147	.05	296	.90	683	.16	791	.04
148	.70	297	1.30	684	.03	792	.06
149	2.50	298	2.50	685	.06	793	.08
151	1.50	299	1.50	686	.04	794	.10
153	3.50	300	.02	687	.07	795	.06
156	.09	301	.02	688	.10	796	.15
157	.28	302	.17	689	.10	797	.15
158	.03	303	.04	690	.07	798	.06
159	.35	304	.04	692	.30	799	.07
160	3.25	305	.15	693	.40	800	.09
161	.55	306	.09	694	.20	801	.07
162	2.40	307	.05	695	.26	802	.07
170	.20	308	.55	702	.06	835	.11
179	.55	309	.25	703	.07	836	.12
182	.08	312	.02	704	.02	837	.10
183	.06	312C	.03	705	.04	838	.12
184	.03	323	.30	706	.06	852	.07
185	.35	324	.10	707	.03	853	.07
205	.24	326	1.20	708	.09	854	.12
206	.04	328	.19	709	.07	855	.10
207	.02	329	.15	712	.12	856	.09
209	.12	330	1.40	716	.07	857	.07
210	.02	331	.02	717	.07	858	.07
211	.30	332	.02	718	.12	859	.03
212	.04	334	.05	719	.14	860	.04
213	.02	335	.15	720	.06	861	.07
216	.15	336	.35	721	.10	862	.09
219	.03	337	.20	722	.08	863	.05
219D	.03	338	.05	723	.15	864	.07
220	.02	367	.12	724	.09	865	.05
221	.25	370	.02	725	.12	866	.08
222	.06	372	.20	726	.09	867	.08
223	.06	373	1.50	727	.06	868	.05
225	.35	374	.02	728	.05	869	.05
226	.05	376	.13	729	.06	870	.06
229	.02	377	.05	730	.12	871	.16
231	.02	378	.06	731	.12	872	.13
232	.90	379	.06	732	.07	873	.03
233	.25	384	.05	733	.28	874	.03
234	.30	393	.10	734	.26	875	.04
235	1.25	397	.10	735	.35	876	.05
236	.35	398	.04	736	.18	877	.09
237	.35	399	.75	737	.05	878	.40
246	.30	400	.75	738	.08	879	.03
247	.06	402	.10	739	.08	880	.04
248	.04	404	3.50	740	.03	881	.07
249	.03	405	.02	741	.06	882	.10
253	.55	406	.02	742	.07	883	.03
254	.06	408	.04	743	.08	884	.03
255	.18	409	.05	744	.09	885	.04
258	.25	411	.10	745	.18	886	.05
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The Marian Year set is composed of a 25 Lire yellow brown and yellow, and a 60L black and yellow states Pierson Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J. Each is inscribed "Anno Mariano 1954"; each features a different Renaissance painting of the Madonna. They were printed at the Italian State Printing Works in Rome by photogravure in sheets of 40 stamps, on paper watermarked winged wheels.

The two in honor of Vespucci show the 15th Century explorer against a map-section labelled "America". These are engraved, like the Marian Year set, were printed at the Rome printing plant, in sheets of 40 stamps, but on somewhat thicker paper and watermarked with a slightly larger winged wheel. The designer is F. Caruso;

the engraver, M. Colombiati. Values are 25L red violet, and 60L gray-blue.

Although the Italian Government gives the date of Vespucci's birth as 1454, the Encyclopedia Britannica and other reference volumes list it as 1451, with Florence as his birthplace. Vespucci spent most of his life in Spain as an agent of the great House of Medici, which not only ruled Florence but carried on far-flung commercial enterprises as well.

According to his own accounts, Vespucci sailed on a free-lancing exploring venture out of Cadiz, Spain on May 10, 1497, and apparently reached what is now British Columbia after sailing the Pacific. Starting in May of 1499, a second trip was made, with still another beginning in May of 1501, this time on behalf of Dom Manuel of Portugal. Vespucci claims a last trip in 1503, also on behalf of Portugal, which apparently reached Brazil.

Vespucci was made a citizen of Spain in 1505 and was appointed "piloto mayor" or Chief Pilot of Spain, holding that office until February 22, 1512, on which date he died in Seville. His claims of discovery were often contradictory, and there seems to be some doubt among historians as to whether he actually made his 1497 cruise at all.

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All covers will be backstamped at the outer terminal of the route and forwarded to destination. All covers intended for cancellations should be in the hands of the appropriate postmasters not later than January 29.

Record Year For Slogan Cancellations

1954 was a big year with 178 different slogans making it approximately 50 more than the previous high year of 1953. 124 new and different slogans were put into use in various cities throughout the country and 54 were carried over from 1953 or previous years, according to Moe Luff of New York City.

SIOUX CITY CENTENNIAL YEAR 1954 appeared with 2 dater circles; **SIOUX CITY** condensed and expanded.

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1854 - CENTENNIAL - 1954 COOKEVILLE, TENN. 100 YEARS OF PROGRESS was used with a worn dater circle and a new dater circle.

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Los Angeles, Calif. now using slogan type special service marking **MISSISSIPPI TO LOS ANGELES, CALIF.** Universal machine. It is affixed to the reverse side of envelope.

New type Zone Number dater circle in use at New York 1 & 51, N. Y. Numeral 1 & 51 appears after the N. Y. in the dater circle.

MONMOUTH COLLEGE CENTENNIAL 1853-1953 from Monmouth, Ill. appeared with two dater circles; H.I (no spaces) and H (space), (space) I.



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DIXIE PRECANCELS ROUND-UP

The annual Roundup of the Dixie Precancel Club will be held January 29 and 30 at the Pine Brook Inn, Macon, Georgia. The Inn is located just outside Macon on US 41, North. There will be the usual "early bird" session Friday evening the 28. Precancel Collectors whether members or not are welcome to this meeting.

NEW SERIES ITEMS

Some Arkansas items—1c, 2c from Yellville; 2c Mountain Home; 3c Saint Joe; 3c Clinton; 3c Gilbert.

Others are 2c Townsend, Vt.; 1c, 2c, 3c of Edison, Ohio. And from West Virginia—1c, 2c and 3c values from Ottawa, Bob White, Dunbar, Smithers, Whitesville, Fayetteville, Oak Hill and Madison.

BLOCKS.

Some fundamentals on blocks that are precancelled. In local precancels it is unusual for anyone to save blocks unless the block happens to show some error or the like. The local or city type precancel collector is strictly a "SINGLE" man. Sure you can save blocks if you wish, no one dictates to any one else what to collect, but the vast majority of buying collectors do NOT save blocks.

Now in BUREAUS it is somewhat different but not to the extent one might think. When Bureaus were new and the number of varieties were not so numerous there was some block collectors. Blocks are priced in the Bureau catalog it is true but NO sales manager will accept them in his Sales Department.

I still believe a few collectors save a single and a block in the new issues of Bureaus but still there is no big demand for blocks. It is possible that a new collector starting on the new issue might start that way because he will not have the large number of varieties to get, at least at first.

So precancels are precancels and a block of four is just four single precancels to many collectors. This is the word with the bark on it.

Congress Gets Bill For Taft Commem

New York Republican representatives Derounian and Becker have introduced a bill to Congress which would have the Post Office Department issue a 3c commemorative stamp in honor of the late Senator Robert Taft.

How far this bill, or the thought will get in Congress remains to be seen. After the 1943 stamp issuing debacle when 29 commems were forced through the Post Office Department the two branches of the government agreed to a hands-off policy by Congress in the requests for stamps.

A Taft stamp has been requested by interested persons ever since his death, and the chances of its appearing seemed to always have been good.

Phoenix Stamp Club Invites Visitors

Visitors to the southwest, specifically, Phoenix, Arizona are invited to the meetings of the Phoenix Philatelic Society. These take place the first and third Mondays at the Phoenix Public Library.

Current officers are president Hugh W. Hilton, and secretary Mrs. Florence Saxe, 717 W. Palm Lane, Phoenix, Ariz.

Brookings, S.D. Has Club For Collectors

Recently organized was the Eastern South Dakota Stamp Collectors Club at Brookings, S.D. Meetings are planned on the second Monday of each month.

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News Notes From The Italian Area

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Control passed from the Allied Military Government on October 26, 1954, when Italian Carabinieri marched into the A-Zone and the Yugoslavs incorporated their area in Yugoslavia proper. In the Yugoslav zone, B-Zone stamps ceased to be used on October 26. At the same time, the little town of Albano Vescora; previously in the A-Zone, passed to the Yugoslavs.

In the A-Zone, Italian stamps became immediately valid for postage, but the use of Trieste stamps continued, being permitted through November 15. Trieste stamps could legally be exchanged for Italian stamps until November 30.

Meanwhile, the comedy of the INTERPOL Trieste overprints was being played out. These overprinted stamps were actually placed in use in Trieste on October 30—that is, after Trieste and its environs had passed into Italian hands. At first, only 110,000 sets were made available, but the outcry was so great that an additional 110,000 were placed on sale, making a total issue of 220,000.

These facts are, by now, fairly well known. What is not so well known is the fact that 220,000 copies of the Pinocchio stamp were also overprinted for use in Trieste, but never placed on sale. It now remains to be seen whether these will be destroyed, or will be placed on sale at the Rome philatelic office at some later date. Such things have happened in the past.

The Vatican is finally beginning, apparently, to make available data as to the number of stamps it is printing. 300,000 copies of the 35-Lire St. Augustine stamp were issued, and 250,000 copies of the 50L and a definite time-limit has been placed on the postal validity of the set—December 31, 1955. The St. Augustine of the stamp, incidentally, is taken from the painting by Sandro Botticelli.

The much-talked about "multiple star" watermark was scheduled to go into production in Italy on January 1; it remains to be seen on which of the Italian stamps it will first appear. Doubt has been expressed that it will be used on any values of the old "Italy at Work" series, but the postal demand for 15L and 40L values is tremendous, and there are no corresponding values of the newer "coin" set, so, anything can happen. It is almost certain that the new 200L and 300L "coin" stamps, just released with winged-wheel watermark, will have a very short life before being replaced with the new "star" watermark paper. Collectors of Italian stamps will, it appears, have a busy time during 1955!

The recently-issued Marian Year Closing set, released incidentally, after the closing of the "Year", and after the issue had been announced as "killed", reproduces two very famous "Madonnas". One is the lovely Madonna of the "Pieta" of Michelangelo, now in the Vatican Basilica. The other is by Filippino Lippi.

Five Week Philatelic School At Bay City

The Essex Philatelic Society of Bay City, Michigan in conjunction with the Adult Education Department of the Bay City Jr. College, has planned a series of programs designed to bring information and knowledge about stamp collecting to the residents of the area.

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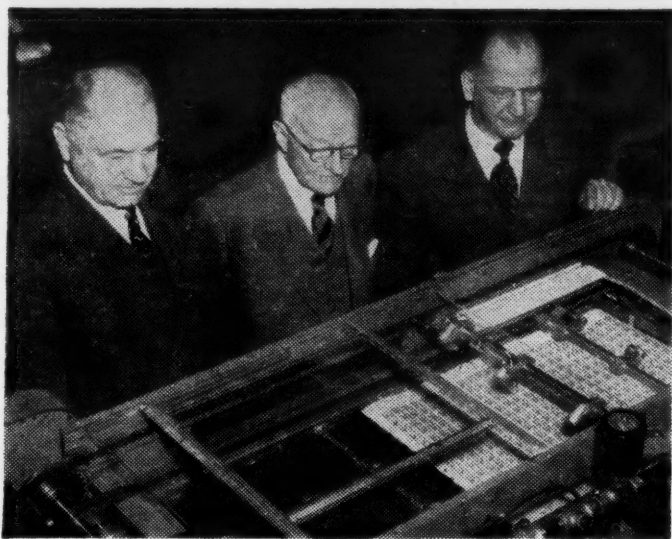
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CENTENNIAL OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD STAMP. It will have a first day of issue on January 28 in the Canal Zone, and is issued by that Postal Administration. Viewing some of the commemorations coming off the press are, left to right, Gen. Glen E. Edgerton; Gen. J. L. Schley; Henry J. Holtzclaw, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Generals Edgerton and Schley are former governors of the Canal Zone. The stamp is a 3-center and pictures an old wood-burning locomotive.

New Czech Set Is Quite Attractive

On December 10 last, Czechoslovakia issued a set of three stamps picturing architectural beauty of several cities. Chosen for honors were Telc, Levoca and Caska Budojovice.



It must be granted that the chosen scenes as portrayed on the stamps have merit and the manner in which the designers and engravers worked to picture them is definitely commendable. These three are real beauties.

While the actual designs are engraved, a light brown colored background is provided by photogravure. The 30 halerus picturing Telc is brown gray; 60h for Levoca, brown; 3Kcs for Caske Budejovice, brown blue.

Cyril Bouda was responsible for the designs. Bohdan Roule engraved the 30h, Bedrich Housa the other two.

Additional denominations were placed in use on December 10 in the new Postage Due series. These are 2 and 3Kcs, both in violet.

On January 20 was issued the first two stamps of a Sports set more of which are to come this summer. These were 30 and 45 halerus.

The Comenius University at Bratislava will be publicized on its 35th anniversary January 28 with values of 60 and 75h.

Alfred H. Caspary Of New York City Dies

Alfred H. Caspary, 77, well known collector, especially of rare and early United States material, died at his home in New York City on January 7. He was the owner of a brokerage firm which held a seat on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Caspary was well known here and abroad as a philatelist and collector of ceramics.

In 1937 he owned the only two genuine 5-cent red Annapolis Postmaster's provisional stamps known to exist. Mr. Caspary also owned one of three rare 10-cent Baltimore Postmaster stamps issued in 1845.

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Cuba Pictures Rotary Founder

Rotary International's founder, Paul P. Harris will appear in the design of the two like design stamps Cuba will release February 23 marking the 50th anniversary of



this service organization. Other picture features are the Rotary emblem, a sugar refinery, a tobacco field and the Cuban Coat of Arms.

Denominations will be 4c in blue for regular postage; 12c wine red for airmail. There will be a printing of two and one million respectively from engraved plates in sheets of fifty.



In January Cuba also will release two regulars in bi-color in honor of General Francisco Carrillo. The 2c will be red and blue, the 5c blue and sepia.

Stamp Display Shows Jewish History

An Israel exhibit, the first of its kind presented in the United States, will be shown in Paterson, N. J. at the Y.M.H.A. the week of February 13. There will be shown the Emil Weitz, stamp display, "A Century of Jewish History", in 75 frames.

The entire show is presented through the Israel Coin Distributors Corp. with the cooperation of the Paterson Region of the Z.O.A., and the Consulate General of Israel in the United States.

A special philatelic card will be issued for the event and can be obtained from Louis S. Schulman, 1430 Plimpton Ave., New York 52, N. Y. for 15c post paid.

Toledo Club Sponsors Stamp, Coin Bourse

The collectors-dealers bourse sponsored by the Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo, and The Toledo Coin Club, will be held on January 27 at the Central Y.M.C.A. starting at 6:00 p.m.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA — A three-value set of stamps was issued on December 10 picturing various architectural achievements. The stamps are bi-colored and values are 30h yellow and gray; 60h red-brown and yellow; 3Kcs blue and yellow.

On December 19 two stamps were issued honoring President A. Zapotocky. Both stamps are of the same design, showing his portrait; the values are 30h brown and 60h blue.

GERMANY — The "Day of the Stamp" adhesive was recently issued and shows a stamp within a stamp. A 20pf carmine has as part of its design a 10pf carmine stamp, which shows two men shaking hands over a post office machine. At the top of the main stamp is the inscription "Tag Der Briefmarke 1954".

FRANCE — More complete information has been received on the Red Cross set, issued December 18, and previously reported in this column. The stamps were issued in commemoration of the 19th anniversary of the founding of the French Red Cross, and were issued in blocks of four on a sheet, perforated. The 12 francs plus 3fr blue shows the painting "Maternity" by Eugene Carrier and a red cross; the 15fr plus 5fr brown, has the painting of a child with doves by J. B. Greuze.

HUNGARY — On December 5 an eleven value set was issued picturing famous scientists and inventors. Each stamp has a portrait of the scientist at the right and at the left a brief description of what he is famous for. The details are 8f olive, A. C. Janos (1625-59); 10f maroon, K. C. Sandar (1784-1842); 12f gray, J. Anyos (1800-95); 20f ochre, S. Ignac (1818-65); 30f blue, I. Janos (1819-65); 40f green, K. Frigyes (1828-1915); 50f brown, V. Armin (1832-1913); 60f blue, T. Koroly (1834-1904); 1f olive, H. Otto (1835-1914); 1f olive, red-brown, P. Tivadar (1844-93); 2f green, H. Endre (1847-1921).

IRAN — A four-value set of stamps was issued December 15 in honor of the Fourth World Forestry Congress. Values and colors are 1R green and brown, picturing a tree being chopped down; 2.50R, blue and green, carrying logs; 5R purple and brown, sawing wood; 10R blue and red, an ancient ship with its figurehead.

ISRAEL — Sometime in January a 250 pruta dark blue stamp is to be issued commemorating the first anniversary of the first trade union organized in that country, the Teachers' Association. The design is a lighted oil lamp, symbolizing the part the teachers play in spreading knowledge.

PAKISTAN — On December 25 a single stamp was issued for a two-fold purpose. The first day of issue is the birthday of the founder of Pakistan, Ali Jinnah. The stamp was also issued commemorating the Conquest of K-2, the world's

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A non-competitive exhibition of two days duration has been announced by the Fox Valley Stamp and Coin Club at the YMCA, Aurora, Ill. for February 26 and 27. It will be open from ten to ten each day. The general public is invited to attend.

Meetings of the club are open to visitors, these being held on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the YMCA, Delbert Shore, 561 Spruce St., Aurora, Ill. is secretary.

Baird President At Havertown, Pa.

Kenneth S. Baird is the new president of the Havertown, Pa. Stamp Club. Also elected to fill other posts in the official family are vice president Meinhardt Raabe, treasurer Frank E. Adams, and secretary George P. Allin, 33 Hastings Ave., Havertown, Pa.

Meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays at the Municipal Bldg. Collectors are always welcome to attend these sessions.

SWISS

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the work of Courvoisier at Le Chaux de Fonds by photogravure.

A special envelope which can be used for the souvenir sheet first day is made available at the Philatelic Agency at 20c per copy.

Four stamps with publicity motifs are to be released on February 15 also. One, a 5c, will have the same design as the above-mentioned souvenir sheet stamps. It pictures the Lausanne Cathedral, and a posthorn with a white cross on a red background. Besides the red, the other colors are brown, gray and yellow.

A design which should delight the ladies appears on a 10c for the Wine Growers Festival from August 1 to 14 at Vevey. It is a costume hat of the Canton of Vaud with a bunch of grapes and a gaily colored ribbon. Colors are to be green, yellow, red and light brown. Maya Allenbach of Berne was the designer.

Not forgotten are the Music on Stamps topicalists, if you can call the blowing of an alpine horn music. This famed Swiss practice is depicted on a 20c red and gray designed by Paul Boesch of Berne. It publicizes the Swiss Alpine Herdsman and Costume Festival at Interlaken-Unspunnen, September 5 to 7.

For the 25th International Automobile Show at Geneva, March 10 to 20, a four-colored stamp will show an automobile steering wheel. This 40c item is in blue, pink, silver gray and dark gray. Kurth Wirth of Berne was the designer.

The Vevey Winegrowers Festival stamp is of special significance because this event occurs but four times a century. It is generally celebrated with colorful pageants, music, dancing and other events.

The Alpine Herdsman and Costume Festival is organized by the Swiss Costume Society in collaboration with the Federal Wrestling and Yodelling Societies. This year's festival will be a jubilee, the first of its kind having been held 150 years ago.

Unless sold out before that time, these four stamps will have the same periods of sale and the same period of postal validity as the souvenir sheet.

Printing is by photogravure at Courvoisier on granite paper with red and blue fibers in sheets of 25. No envelope has been prepared by the Postal Administration for the above-mentioned quartet — collectors will have to supply their own.

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Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

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AFRICAN FEDERATION. Gibbons' monthly has increased the catalogue prices of the higher values of the obsolete Elizabeth stamps of Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. These sets were superceded by the new series of the Federation.

GIBRALTAR. The Constitution set of 1950, (#127-130) is scarcer than the catalogue price would indicate. The numbers issued have not as yet been announced but is probably quite small. Fynden in Stamp Collecting (London) advises "BUY AT BEST". This set is still available here at a modest price.

SIERRA LEONE. Do not overlook the 5d olive green stamp #179, especially if you can obtain same based on Gibbons or Commonwealth Catalogue prices. Scott prices this stamp at \$1.25, Gibbons at 4/- (56c), and Commonwealth at 3/3 (46c). Changes upward can be expected by both Gibbons and Commonwealth, as this stamp is scarce and in demand.

ADEN. There has been a decided increase in the demand for the surcharged stamps of Aden #36-46 and also for Kathiri and Qua'iti. These new currency surcharges were in use for only a short time and were neglected by many collectors. Higher prices can be expected.

UNION SOUTH AFRICA. The set of two stamps recently issued to commemorate the founding of the Orange Free State is quite scarce and is being tipped by various writers including Fynden in Stamp Collecting (London). The numbers issued were 39,193,920 of the two pence and only 1,704,000 of the 4 1/2 pence.

Only the latter number of sets can exist, mint or used, which is a small number for this popular country. Fynden refers to the 4 1/2 pence stamp as a "Sleeper."

BERMUDA. The 2 1/2 pence green stamp #86, issued in 1923 is not an easy item to locate and should show appreciation in value. The entire set #81-98 looks good.

Do not neglect the "3 Power Talks" set of two stamps issued by Bermuda #160-161. The numbers issued were 424,100 of the 3 pence and 311,340 of the 1 1/2d. Not enough to supply all collectors who want it.

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New president of Aero Philatelists is Stanley R. Rice, elected at the recent annual meeting of this group interested in material pertaining to mail via air. Sam Rodvien and John R. Dilworth are the vice presidents; Bernard Fink, treasurer; Saul Whitman, secretary.

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Mr. Lowenstein previously donated the Bolivian and Brazilian airmail portions of his collection, plus Indian Feudatory States and Afghanistan general issues.

In another gift, John P. V. Heimmuller presented his United States collection, cataloguing in excess of \$9000, and strong in 19th century issues, coils and shades. Mr. Heimmuller, now president of the American Air Mail Society, also donated his Belgium collection a year or so ago.

Philip H. Ward, Jr., of Philadel-

phia, who has previously made several gifts and loans to the National Postage Stamp Collection, has donated a complete set of the United States Distilled Spirits Excise Tax stamps from the one cent to \$50,000 denomination. The 25 values, which are canceled, have a face value of \$165,494.94. Mr. Ward has also placed on loan a complete set of Rectification Tax

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Ceylon Mountains (1)	10	Germany Helms (4)	17
Pakistan Mountain Conq.	10	Haiti "Hazel Hurricane"	17
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